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## REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Information Disclosure Statement, submitted with an Australian Written Opinion dated October 14, 2002 with a Japanese cited reference and indicating a degree of relevance in the counterpart Japanese Application, and filed on January 13, 2003 be officially considered of record. For the Examiner's convenience, another PTO-1449 form is attached hereto.

A Notice of Allowability was issued on February 19, 2004. However, the reference was not considered.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner officially acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on January 13, 2003 and make of record the reference attached thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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